

Table 18. Motor vehicle theft, 2003:

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Number of victimizations and victimization rates on the basis of thefts per 1,000 households and of thefts per 1,000 vehicles owned, by selected household characteristics

Characteristic	Based on households			Based on vehicles owned		
	Number of households	Number of thefts	Rate per 1,000	Number of vehicles owned	Number of thefts	Rate per 1,000
Race of head of household						
All races	114,136,930	1,032,470	9.0	216,120,080	1,108,570	5.1
White only	94,722,920	741,880	7.8	186,864,260	807,980	4.3
Black only	13,966,740	214,190	15.3	19,741,680	221,610	11.2
Other race only/a	4,667,120	62,060	13.3	8,099,250	62,060	7.7
Two or more races/b	780,150	14,340	18.4 *	1,414,890	16,920	12.0 *
Age of head of household						
12-19	981,970	16,240	16.5 *	1,341,970	18,660	13.9 *
20-34	26,181,710	315,760	12.1	45,959,310	353,280	7.7
35-49	36,589,400	434,690	11.9	76,976,150	453,720	5.9
50-64	27,482,960	206,640	7.5	58,583,830	219,330	3.7
65 and over	22,900,880	59,130	2.6	33,258,820	63,580	1.9
Form of tenure						
Owned or being bought	78,421,480	569,200	7.3	168,761,360	614,450	3.6
Rented	35,715,440	463,270	13.0	47,358,720	494,120	10.4
Locality of residence						
Urban	32,515,050	421,510	13.0	50,094,800	448,180	8.9
Suburban	53,701,950	499,510	9.3	108,406,710	538,710	5.0
Rural	27,919,930	111,450	4.0	57,618,570	121,680	2.1

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

The number of thefts based on vehicles owned is equal to or higher than the corresponding figure based on households because the former includes all completed or attempted vehicle thefts, regardless of the final classification of the event; personal crimes of contact and burglary occurring in conjunction with motor vehicle thefts take precedence in determining the final classification based on the number of households.

The term "Urban" is used to denote "Central cities."

The term "Suburban" is used to denote "Outside central cities."

The term "Rural" is used to denote "Nonmetropolitan areas."

a/Includes American Indian, Eskimo, Asian Pacific Islander if only one of these races is given.

b/Includes all persons of any race, indicating two or more races.